

## Head Student Speech

Hello, I'm Faith and I've been at Holy Trinity since year 3. As part of this family I have grown so much as a person and become a strong, confident young lady and I would be honoured to give something back to the school that has given me so much and helped to make me who I am today.

A Head Student should be someone who is both a leader and a team player; someone who sets a good example and who the rest of the school respects and can aspire to be like; someone approachable who can be a confidante and someone who represents the school and its pupils in the way they deserve.

I believe I have these qualities.

Having achieved my silver Duke of Edinburgh award, being captain of the swimming team and being Marian House captain, I have learned how to both lead effectively and to work as part of a team alongside everyone else. I have always been involved in all aspects of school life, whether it be playing in the orchestra, performing in musical showcases, acting as a guide at open mornings, supporting school, parents' association and house events or representing school in swimming, athletics, biathlons, netball, maths challenges, chess competitions and even choir! (An amazing achievement if you've ever heard me sing!)

My organisational skills have been evident for many years as I have always had to be self-disciplined and highly motivated in order to fit all of this in along with 8 swimming sessions per week and still maintain a high academic standard.

Having such a crazy and hectic life means being able to laugh at myself and having a sense of humour is absolutely essential. It is inevitable that things will sometimes go wrong, especially with such a busy schedule, so I just have to laugh, pick myself up and move on.

I don't think there is any point attempting something half-heartedly; if you're going to do something, you should do your best and give it 100%. This is what I have always tried to do and what I would continue to give to you as Head student. I would be fully committed to the role and would relish the challenge.

The Head Student leads the Student Council and is therefore the link between the voice of the students and the teaching and management team. In this capacity, the Head student should be someone who can relate to all students' needs and someone who will listen and hear when they are voicing their opinions. The Head Student should be excited at the prospect of being able to be involved with other members of the school and readily suggest ideas in order to encourage other people to participate. The important point is not to take over and dictate to others but rather to encourage and value all contributions.

When I was in Lower school, I was always pleased and excited when senior girls spoke to me and seemed genuinely interested in what I had to say. I would like to see a return to more involvement within Prep school to foster a real sense of belonging for younger pupils. In my role as a qualified helper with learn to swim children, I have been able to encourage them and develop their confidence and I enjoy the experience of helping younger ones to succeed.

Additionally, I envisage the role to be an ambassador for the school within the wider community. In the same way that I was able to encourage prospective senior school students in a speech I gave some time ago, I would be pleased to be involved in promoting the school and all the positive opportunities it has to offer, being a good role model myself for the sort of young person that this school helps to produce. I also feel it is important to share some of our good fortune with others and maintain links with local charitable organisations similar to our links with Kemp Hospice.

During my 9 years at Holy Trinity, I have looked up to and admired many previous Head Girls and have always aspired to be Head Student myself. Being at Holy Trinity has taught me that you can aim high and with perseverance, determination and commitment you can achieve anything you put your mind to.

It would be the icing on my cake to be Head Student of Holy Trinity and would be the perfect ending to what has been a brilliant chapter of my life so far.

Thank You.